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(C) blocking the intercepted at least one key code if the intercepted at least one key code is not authorized;

wherein said intercepting comprises:

intercepting a plurality of key codes, and, wherein said determining comprises determining if said plurality of key codes comprise an authorized key sequence.

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2. (amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

(D) displaying a message if the intercepted key code is not authorized.

3. (amended) The method of claim 2 wherein said determining comprises comparing said intercepted at least one key code with a table.

6. (amended) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

(D) storing said key code in device state storage if said key code is authorized.

7. (amended) The method of claim 2 wherein said key code is received from an event queue.

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9. (amended) The method of claim 2 wherein said intercepting, determining, and blocking occur in a filter layer and including: providing input from a remote terminal which by-passes said filter layer.

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10. (amended) A method comprising:

(A) setting gamma tables to zero;

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- (B) after undertaking (A), loading operating system components; and
(C) after undertaking (B), setting gamma tables to normal values.

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12. (amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising:

(C.1) sending data to a remote terminal before said data reaches an interrupt handler.

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14. (amended) A computer readable medium storing computer executable instructions that when loaded adapt a computer device to:

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(A) intercept a plurality of key codes, each key code representing at least one keystroke;
(B) determine if said plurality of key codes comprise an authorized sequence; and
(C) block the intercepted plurality of key codes if the plurality of key codes is not authorized.

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15. (new) A method comprising:

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(A) intercepting a key code;
(B) determining if the intercepted key code is authorized; and
(C) passing the intercepted key code to a key map if the intercepted key code is authorized.

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16. (new) The method of claim 14 wherein said intercepting comprises intercepting a plurality of key codes, and, wherein said determining comprises determining if said plurality of key codes comprise an authorized key sequence.

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17. (new) The method of claim ¹⁴16 further comprising:

(D) displaying a message if the intercepted key code is not authorized.

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18. (new) The method of claim ¹⁴17 wherein said determining comprises comparing said intercepted at least one key code with a table.

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19. (new) The method of claim ¹⁴18 further comprising:

(D) storing said key code in device state storage if said key code is authorized.

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20. (new) A computer readable medium storing computer executable instructions that when loaded adapts a computer device to:

- (A) intercept a key code;
- (B) determine if the intercepted key code is authorized; and
- (C) pass the intercepted key code to a key map if the intercepted key code is authorized.

Remarks

Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form and claims 3 to 6 amended so as not to depend from a deleted claim. Claims 9, 11, and 12 have been amended to address the 35 USC 112 objection of the Examiner. Claim 14 has been amended so as to relate to a plurality of key codes.

The Examiner rejected claims 8 and 10 under 35 USC 112 as lacking any linking between their steps and those of claim 4. However, Applicant points out that claim 8 recites "(E) modifying said table" which is a reference to the table of claim 4. It is therefore submitted that